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TAGS: PGOV, CT

SUBJECT: CABINET RESHUFFLE

REF: (A) BANGUI 542: (B) BANGUI 0680

1. RUMORED CABINET SHUFFLE MENTIONED PARA 6 REFTTEL (A)
BECAME ANNOUNCED FACT TODAY. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT YET HAVE
COMPLETE LIST, MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES APPEAR TO BE:

A. JOSEPH POTOLOT BECOMES MINISTER FOR PUBLIC
WORKS. ANTONIO FRANCK REPLACES HIM AS MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

B. CLEMENT N'GAI-VOUETO BECOMES MINISTER OF
INFORMATION. AUGUSTIN DALLOT-BEFIO REPLACES HIM AS
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND LABOR.

C. ANDRE CHRISTIAN ZANE-FE TOUAM-BONA
BECOMES MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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D. BARTHELEMY YANGONGO IS TRANSFERRED TO THE PRESIDENCY IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL AND IS NOT REPLACED AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

E. ALPHONSE KOYAMBA IS REPLACED BY MADAME MARIE-CHARISTIANE GBOKOU AS MINISTER OF FINANCE. KOYAMBA IS DROPPED ENTIRELY FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

REMAINING CHANGES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

2. COMMENT: CABINET RESHUFFLE IS CHARACTERISTIC BOKASSA METHOD OF RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC DISCONTENT WHICH STILL EXISTS AS REPORTED REFTEL (B). SINCE NEITHER INTERIOR MINISTER ALAZOULA NOR DEFENSE MINISTER GON WERE REPLACED, HOWEVER, OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT LIKE JANUARY 1 CABINET SHIFTS, THIS ONE DOES NOT GO TO ROOT OF PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION. MOST FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IS DROPPING OF KOYAMBA, WHO HAS BECOME SCAPEGOAT FOR GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED REFTELS. DOWN-GRADING OF POTOLOT MAY REPRESENT FEELING BOKASSA REPORTEDLY HAS THAT HE IS BECOMING TOO "BIG FOR HIS BRITCHES." WE WILL REPORT FURTHER REACTIONS AND COMMENTARY AS WELL AS COMPLETE LIST OF CHANGES AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.
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